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Nixon Passes Up TV on Watergate

President Nixon worked in his White House office and conferred with visitors and aides but did not watch the televised coverage of the Ervin committee's investigation of Watergate, presidential press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said yesterday.

The President did receive full reports on the first day of hearings, Ziegler said, that were prepared for him in the office of Gen. Alexander M. Haig, jr., acting White House staff chief.

Ziegler said that the President also read newspapers and received information on the hearings from the daily news summary his staff regularly prepares for him.